Measures to cut the distribution and carrying costs of the Food Corporation of India

1093. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance have ordered an inquiry to find out means of cutting the distribution and carrying costs of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the said inquiry; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the findings thereof and the results achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pre-budget and post-budget prices of essential commodities

1094. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pre-Budget and post-Budget prices of essential commodities like various edible oils, sugar and foodgrains;

(b) what are the reasons for the variation in prices; and

(c) to what extent the price rise would reflect upon the consumer price index and index meant for DA computerisation for Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The answer is given in statement (See below)

(b) As is indicated by the statement at Annex, there has been a mixed trend in the prices of various commodities between the weeks ending 22-2-1986 and 22-4-1986. The increase in the wholesale price indices of rice and bajra may be attributed to seasonal factors. Similarly, the increase in the price indices of sugar and gur is largely due to seasonal factors. The increase in the price indices of edible oils is due to recovery in the prices of cocount oil, increase in excise duty on refined edible oils, advancement of the season for oils like groundnut oil and gingelly oil and expectation of a lower grundnut crop.

(c) In March, 1986, the conumer price index for industrial workers has moved up by 0.8 per cent over February, 1986. This is ths index which is used for the purpose of computation of DA payment to the Government employees.

Statement

Commodity	Wholesale price Index as in week ending		Percentage variation
	22-2-1986	12-4-1986	
1	2	3	4
Rice	278·6	284·2	+2·7
Wheat	250·4	237·1	—5·3
Jowar	256·2	254·0	—0·9
Bajra	299·3	311·8	+4·2

1	2	3	4
Barley	356 6	273·7	—23 2
Maize	323·3	318·8	—1·4
Ragi	269·4	266·5	—1·1
Gram	588·4	497·4	—15·5
Arhar	318·5	306·1	—3·3
Moong	429 0	418·5	—2·4
Masoor	515 6	439·6	—14·7
Urad	383·4	378·7	—1·2
Sugar	302·3	309·6	+2·4
Gur	407·2	415·9	+2·1
Vanaspati	325·7	326·9	+0·4
Groundnut oil	316·2	321 0	+1·5
Mustard oil	242·3	241·7	+0·2
Coconut oil	239·7	269·9	+12·6
Gingelly oil	279 0	298·4	+7 0
Kardi oil	292 7	305 0	+4·2
ALL COMMODITIES	357·2	360·5	+0·9

Loans for house building purposes given by the Punjab and Sind Bank

1095. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wives of top executives of the Punjab and Sind Bank have been granted housing loans setting aside all the banking rules and regulations and without compliance of required formalities;

(b) if so, what are the names of the officials whose wives were granted housing loans of more than Rupees 5 lakhs during the last three years; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter and if so, what action has been taken against the persons found responsible for ganting such loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Punjab and Sind Bank have reported that no housing loans granted by them to their top executivss and their spouses have been in violation of banking rules and regulations or without complying with the required formalities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cars, etc. purchased through D.G.S.&D.

1096. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many vehicles of different types like Ambassadors, trucks, lorries, jeeps and vans were purchased by the Government of India through DGS&D during the last three years;

(b) how many cars and trucks had been purchased by the Union Territory of Pondicherry during the last three years, yearwise;